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Camp Banah

Dear Folks;

Sunday afternoon and time to write you folks a letter. The mailman was good today — he brought me 3 letters and the two S. County Capitals. Of course I'm mighty glad to get the news from home.

This morning I attended Chapel again at nine o'clock. We had another very nice meeting. We sang such songs as "Beautiful Savior" "Faith of Our Fathers" "Holy, Holy, Holy", etc. The Chaplain gave a nice talk on "Prayer" basing his thoughts on John 1. We also read several portions of Scripture responsively. At the close of the meeting the Chaplain called for a few minutes of Silent Prayer and we were to remember especially our Parents & friends who were going to church at home. I thought it was a very nice meeting and one

where we could really get into the spirit of worship.

I am glad to hear you folks had a nice time in Wis - Too bad you couldn't find George at home. Also had a letter from Henry and he said you had quite a time with one tire on your trip, 5 flats I believe - well I suppose it wouldn't be a real vacation without a few of those flats. It was nice you folks could help Jennie & Ted celebrate their anniversary.

Well I have practically had every kind of fatigue (work) around here with the exception of junking on the rock pile.

I was a ^{Military} Police on Thursday - that is you walk around a couple of buildings with a club in one hand and see to it that the soldiers don't litter up the ground and that they are properly

dressed. You have to do quite a bit of saluting here since that is the way you say "hello" to an officer and you do have to salute them.

On Wednesday I worked at The Induction Station, helping one of the doctors (he was a captain in the army) as he examined the draftees. I wrote down his comments on the individual health of the draftee. Not such bad work, only some of those medical terms weren't so easy to spell.

On Friday I was on Kitchen ^{Duty}. It wasn't so bad, in fact I learned quite a bit. These army kitchens really are efficient. We feed 500 men in a little less than an hour. They have an electric potato-peeler so all you have to do is dig out the eyes. And we have such large toasters, we can turn out 120 slices a minute. One nice thing about being on K.P. you get all you care to eat. I had about 5 pork chops and 5 dishes of ice-cream and plenty of waffles.

Yesterday, Saturday, we had inspection
so I helped start out our barracks.
In the afternoon I did my washing —
a couple of handkerchiefs, 2 pairs sock, 2 pairs under
clothing and a towel. I managed to beat
the ticks in the afternoon so I hung
my washing on the rafters above my bed
and they were all dry this morning and
cleaner than I thought they would be.

Well most of the fellows we came
down with were sent to California — just
4 of the 50 who came down from Omaha were
kept here. It's pretty certain we will be
leaving here Monday or Tuesday for Fort
Sill, Oklahoma. So you had better
not send the capital until you get my
address.

Must close now — I am getting along
O.K. except for a cold

Love
Ralph.